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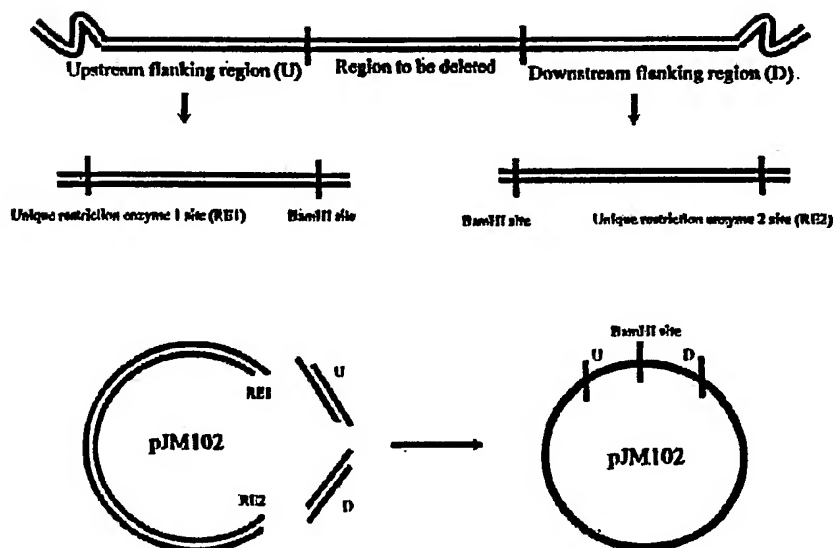
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides cells that have been genetically manipulated to have an altered capacity to produce expressed proteins, wherein the *pckA* gene has been modified or deleted. In particular, the present invention relates to Gram-positive microorganisms, such as *Bacillus* species having enhanced expression of a protein of interest, wherein one or more chromosomal genes have been modified and/or inactivated (e.g., *pckA*), and preferably wherein one or more chromosomal genes (e.g., *pckA*) have been modified and/or deleted from the *Bacillus* chromosome. In some further embodiments, one or more indigenous chromosomal regions have been modified and/or deleted from a corresponding wild-type *Bacillus* host chromosome.

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